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## HOUSE DEMOCRATS TO DECIDE SUGAR PLAN NEXT MON DAY

Night Caucus Called to Talk  
Over Form of Retention  
Legislation

WILL PROBABLY NOT ADD  
DUTY SCHEME ON TAX BILL

Some Bourbons Might Oppose  
Clause Tacked to the War  
Emergency Measure

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—The matter of the retention of the duty on sugar will be taken up next Monday night at a caucus of the House Democrats, called to approve the bill extending the war tax emergency act. The question involved is whether the legislation for the retention of sugar duty shall be attached to that measure or brought in later as separate legislation.

It is apprehended that some Democrats might oppose the plan if it were incorporated in the war tax bill.

C. S. ALBERT.

## SAYS GOVERNOR CANNOT CLAIM IMMUNITY HERE

Judge Stuart, in Land Case,  
Claims His Position Different  
From State Executives

NOT CHOSEN BY WILL OF  
PEOPLE, BUT APPOINTED

"The court is not asked in this proceeding to permit the respondents to make whatever conditions they may see fit regardless of the letter of the law or of its spirit, but to pass upon the question simply as to whether or not the respondents fail, neglect or refuse to perform their ministerial duties under the act."

This is one of the statements contained in a brief filed by Circuit Judge Stuart setting forth the grounds upon which he believes the demurrers entered by the respondents in the suit for mandamus which he has brought against Governor Pinkham and Land Commissioner Joshua D. Tucker, should be overruled. The memorandum brief was filed on December 3 by Attorney C. C. Bittling, one of counsel for Judge Stuart.

The brief of the governor and land commissioner was filed yesterday. The demurrers filed by the respondents, asking that the writ for mandamus be taken under advisement by Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford, Judge Stuart's brief.

In substance, the memorandum brief filed by Judge Stuart is as follows:

"Section 2875 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1915, state the object of the proceeding which is to compel public officers to fulfill any of the duties attached to their office or

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## STEVENSON GETS SIX MONTHS FOR TAKING FUNDS

Frank I. Stevenson, former foreman at the Schuman Lumber Company, and who was indicted by the territorial grand jury on two charges of embezzlement, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Ashford today to serve six months at hard labor in Oahu prison. It is alleged that Stevenson's pecuniations amounted to more than \$600. One of the indictments returned charged the embezzlement of \$75 from the funds of the carriage company, and the other more than \$60. Stevenson was sentenced today on only one charge, sentence being suspended for 13 months on the other. The court added that he pay the costs in addition to the jail sentence.

Social Democrats in Bavaria have started a campaign against the high price in food. One meeting has already been suppressed.

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## MORE FIGHTING LOOKED FOR ON SULTAN'S ISLES

Lieut. Tiffany Says Good Roads  
and Phones Help to Pacify  
Natives of Jolo

FOUR WIVES AND AUTOS  
FOR NATIVE POTENTATE

U. S. Pays Him \$5000 a Year,  
and He Gets \$4000 From  
Borneo to Keep Estate

After living down on the little island of Jolo in the Philippine group for two and one-half years as next door neighbor to the real old sultan of Sulu, and on such good terms with him as to be called "brother" by the old fellow, 1st Lieut. J. A. Tiffany of the Philippine Constabulary is returning to the states on a furlough which is to last until next April. The lieutenant is now in Honolulu, and his marriage to Miss Susie A. Davis was set for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

"Yes," he says, "I know the old sultan well. He lives not far from me down on the island of Jolo, and he is a remarkable old character. He used to walk or be carried about in state, but now he rides in an automobile."

"Revenue is paid to the sultan from two countries. He gets each year \$5000 from the United States and \$4000 from Borneo. He has four wives—that is, four legal ones."

Lieut. Tiffany has been in the Philippines for the last six and one-half years, the first four of which were spent on the island of Mindanao. Though the natives of Mindanao are famed for their savagery, the Moros of Jolo are worse, he says.

"There are three different tribes of Moros," says the lieutenant, "and they are all Mohammedans. Of these tribes the Jolo or Sulu Moros are the most warlike because of the Malay blood that they carry in their veins. Were thoroughly whipped."

"Until two years ago the Moros caused a great deal of trouble for the soldiers, but the hard fights of Bagsak and Talpao mountains settled them down. They were thoroughly whipped in these engagements."

"Of course," says Lieut. Tiffany, "we still have little fights with them, but the fights have become so common that we don't pay much attention to them anymore."

"They fight with knives, making rushing attacks to kill off as many of our men as possible before they themselves are shot down. A few of them have old Spanish rifles also."

Lieut. Tiffany has seen the taming of the Sulu Moros at first hand. He had an active part in the preliminary fights at Bagsak and at Stevers Camp, which was one of the hottest battles on the island, and has been in several other good-sized engagements during the last two years.

"Government roads and telephones are doing much to pacify the natives," he says. "In fact these things seem to be doing more than rifles can do."

Expect More Fighting.

"Since the advent of the good road (Continued on page four)

## THREE YEARS IN JAIL SENTENCE GIVEN BUCHANAN

Former Corporal in 25th Gets  
Stiff Penalty for Assault  
With Deadly Weapon

Stripped of his corporal's chevrons and of his reputation in the service, Eugene Buchanan, formerly with the 25th Infantry, walked out of Circuit Judge Ashford's court, in company with a police officer, this morning on his way to Oahu prison, where he will spend the next three years at hard labor.

Buchanan stood two trials on a charge of second degree murder. It was alleged that on the morning of October 28 he shot and killed his wife, Laura Buchanan, in their home in lane off Kukui street. The first trial resulted in a disagreement by the jury. The second trial brought a verdict of "assault with a weapon obviously and imminently dangerous to life."

The jury which returned the verdict requested clemency. The court sentenced Buchanan to serve three years at hard labor, and pay the costs. Five years is the maximum penalty for the offense, as provided by law.

"You are the most fortunate man who has come before this court in many months," said Judge Ashford before sentence was pronounced. "In my opinion, there was ample evidence by which you might have been convicted of second degree murder, or of one of the degrees of manslaughter. I feel that you had all the clemency coming to you from the jury."

Buchanan was defended by three army officers, including the judge advocate of the Hawaiian department, and Attorney William T. Rawlins. City Attorney Brown conducted the case for the prosecution.

## REGULAR ARMY OFFICER TO BE GUARD COLONEL

Capt. Charles S. Lincoln, New  
Inspector-Instructor, to Com-  
mand 1st Infantry, N. G. H.

WILL ASSUME NEW  
DUTIES JANUARY 1

Governor Pinkham and General  
Johnson Establish New  
Militia Policy

The 1st Regiment of Infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, is to have an officer of the regular army for its colonel. Capt. Charles S. Lincoln, 2nd U. S. Infantry, is to be detailed as senior inspector-instructor of the Hawaiian militia, and immediately on reporting for duty will be commissioned a colonel of infantry, National Guard of Hawaii, by Governor Pinkham, and assigned to command the Oahu regiment.

To secure a regular army officer of experience and ability to command the 1st Infantry has been the aim of Brig.-gen. Johnson ever since he went into office last August, and the present detail is the result of careful selection of all the available officers on Oahu of suitable rank. Governor Pinkham gave his indorsement to the plan, and looks for beneficial results from the new arrangement.

The appointment of a regular army officer as regimental commander is directly in line with the war department's policy of raising the organized militia of Hawaii in both strength and efficiency. The plan of commissioning the inspector-instructor as an officer of state or territorial forces has been tried on the mainland in a few instances, and has proved eminently satisfactory, and it is believed that on Oahu, where the National Guard and regular army are so closely affiliated, the arrangement will prove even more satisfactory.

Expected to Bring Recruits.  
In the present case the inspector-instructor will not only make recommendations for the training and organization of the regiment, but will have the full authority to carry them into effect. The new plan is expected to bring many desirable enlistments to the guard.

The 1st Infantry, N. G. H., has been without a colonel for almost two years. It has been commanded by Lieut.-col. William R. Riley, who, with

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## DOZEN ALLEGED MUTINY LEADERS SAY NOT GUILTY

Industrial School Inmates to Be  
Tried Monday on Charge of  
Unlawful Assembly

Twelve boys, mostly Hawaiians, lined up before Circuit Judge Ashford in his court room this morning as their respective names were called. They were the alleged ringleaders in the recent "mutiny" at the boys' industrial school at Waialeale.

The territorial grand jury yesterday afternoon returned 15 indictments against as many inmates of the school, charging them with "unlawful assembly."

Three of those indicted have not yet been apprehended. It was found necessary to call in a Hawaiian interpreter so that about three-fourths of the boys might thoroughly understand the nature of the charge. The indictment was read to them collectively. They were charged with unlawful assembly and with having assaulted J. M. Johnson and John Thennes, teachers at the school.

"Do you understand the indictment?" asked the court.

There were responses of yes and one of "aole."

"Are you ready to plead to the indictment?" the court questioned.

Sam Moloi Spokesman.

Sam Moloi, who appeared to be spokesman for the boys, stepped forward.

"Well, we have got something to say about that school," he began.

"Never mind what you have got to say," interrupted Judge Ashford. "We will hear that later."

The court asked for pleas. The judge began calling off the names of the boys. Each of the 12 boys pleaded "not guilty."

City Attorney A. M. Brown asked that the case go to trial at 9 o'clock next Monday morning. The boys were asked if they had counsel. They said that they had not.

The court stated that it was of the opinion that the boys should have every consideration toward getting a square deal, and appointed Clem K. Quinn to defend the alleged ringleaders.

"This will not mean that your fee will be \$50 for each boy, Mr. Quinn," laughed the judge.

"Now that we have such able counsel (Continued on page eight)

## SENATOR WOULD HAVE U. S. VOTE ON WAR

Yuan Shih-Kai Accepts  
Throne of New Monarchy



Yuan Shih-Kai, president, who becomes emperor of China.

Wily President of Republic Takes Crown Offered Him After  
Perfunctory Election; Anti-Monarchists Start Fight Already

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

PEKING, China, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shih-Kai, president of China, is today emperor in all but the formal coronation.

He accepted the throne formally today, when the honor was offered him by the council of state, acting as parliament, the parliament having been dissolved. The council, before taking its action, canvassed the vote in the recent election held to determine whether the people wished to abandon the republic and substitute a monarchical form of government. The canvass of votes showed that 1993 out of 2043 votes cast favored the change.

Yuan will continue as president until a convenient time for the coronation, it is announced. Pressure has been brought to bear upon Yuan to postpone the change in government until the end of the war and it has been officially announced in Peking that the change would not be made during the present year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association here and leader of many Chinese, announced today that preliminary measures are already under way to oppose the establishment of the new monarchy under Yuan. The association controls similar organizations in both North and South America.

The association will hold a meeting tomorrow to consider raising funds to oppose the monarchy.

In recent years Yuan Shih-Kai has become the most conspicuous personality of the Orient through his efforts to bring his 400,000,000 fellow yellow men into line as citizens of the new republic of China. The task of turning this most ancient and backward of kingdoms into a republic within whose confines there was a fifth of the world's inhabitants—a republic

four times as large as the United States—was obviously no easy one and the man who attempted it did not escape storms of criticism from those who held that he was a dictator, virtually founding a new dynasty. But among foreigners generally Yuan Shih-Kai is given credit for as able an administration as could be expected under the circumstances.

Long before Yuan Shih-Kai was widely known abroad he had been accepted by the Manchus, the Chinese and the foreigners in China as a coming man.

Born in 1859, the son of a district governor in the province of Honan, Yuan Shih-Kai aspired to an official position, but the rule was that official life was open only to those who passed in ancient classics. Yuan utterly failed in one of those government tests at which thousands of aspirants are closeted for three days undergoing examination.

He went into Korea as a secretary with the army, and there rose rapidly through his display of military and diplomatic ability. The famous grand chancellor, Li Hung-chang, recognized in him a man of action, and appointed him Chinese resident at Seoul. This

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DE FOLCO CONCERT CALLED OFF

The De Folco concert at the Opera house, scheduled for tonight, has been called off. The announcement of the concert and program printed in another section of today's paper, therefore, is incorrect, the section having been printed before it was decided not to give the concert. Insufficient patronage is the reason assigned.

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## DEFENSE MEASURES STIRRING CONGRESS; DERBY PLAN GETS BRITISH RECRUITS IN HURRY

Allies In Balkans Retreat, Inflicting Blows  
On Pursuers—Greece To Demobilize Shortly

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma announced today that he will seek to have the constitution of the United States amended, so that in the future the country cannot enter into war without approval by popular vote throughout the states. By this method he hopes to guard permanently against any possibility of a war of aggression by the United States.

Asks Congress to Make Laws  
To Punish Neutrality Violators

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Attorney-General T. W. Gregory's annual report and department statement, sent to Congress today, asks that Congress enact laws to protect the country against violations of its neutrality. Recent cases have shown the inadequacy of laws to punish neutrality violations, the president's message pointing out the need for legislation on this subject.

Greece Plans to Demobilize Army

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 11.—Greece has made arrangements to demobilize the big army which has been concentrated for several weeks.

It is expected that a decree to this effect will shortly be issued, and the move is taken to mean that Greece has no present intention of participating in the war at any early date.

The French minister and King Constantine conferred today. Their conference was followed by a visit of the ministers of the Entente Powers to Premier Skouloudis.

Allies Retreat; Punish the Enemy

LONDON, England, Dec. 11.—The Allies are still retreating in the southern Balkan fighting. As they retreat they are inflicting heavy losses on the advancing Bulgarians and Teutons and are suffering themselves comparatively small losses.

It is conceded that the force of the Allies in this region is inadequate to stem the tide of the enemy's campaign.

Another American Steamer Held Up

NEW YORK N. Y., Dec. 11.—A French cruiser again is searching American steamers on the Atlantic. This time the French warship searched the steamer San Juan of the New York-Porto Rico line, bound from New Orleans for San Juan. William Gunthorpe and Fritsch Lothar were removed from the steamer. This vessel is the third of the same line held within five days. The company is awaiting fuller reports concerning the other two, the Coama and Carolina, before protesting.

U. S. Views Search With Concern

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—The stoppage of the Porto Rico line of vessels will be the subject of diplomatic representations by the United States to France.

"Safe Conducts" For Two Attaches

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—France and Great Britain have been requested by the state department to provide "safe conducts" for the German military and naval attaches, Capt. Von Papen and Boy-Ed, recalled at the request of the United States because of their activities.

Will Continue Balkan Campaign

PARIS, France, Dec. 11.—France and Great Britain have decided to continue the campaign in the Balkans. They have agreed upon measures to assure the security of the expeditionary forces. A semi-official statement today indicates that the French and British are withdrawing from Serbia.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 11.—Advices indicate that the Russians are concentrating their forces on the Rumanian border. The Austrians in Bukovina are reinforcing.

LONDON, England, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Busiris has been sunk. The crew landed safely.

British Recruits Join In Hurry Now

LONDON, England, Dec. 11.—There is an unprecedented rush in progress to recruit for the colors under the so-called "Derby plan," promulgated by Lord Derby, in charge of recruiting. So continuous are the applications that physicians making the physical tests are exhausted from overwork. Hundreds are in all the lines.

The time limit, within which recruits must present themselves, was originally midnight tonight, but it has been extended.

All stations in life are represented among those flocking to the colors. Many of the London banks are denuded of clerks.

PARIS, France, Dec. 11.—The armies of the Central Powers now occupying the Balkan arena are declared by the Bulgarian premier to number a million.